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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-11 and 20-23 are pending.

Claims 1-11 are rejected.

Claims 20-23 are allowed.

I. 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejection of Claims 1-6, 10 and 11

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-6, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable under over Newberry et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,625,406, hereafter referred to as 'Newberry') in view of Vaughn et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,926,207, hereafter referred to as 'Vaughn'). Applicants disagree with this ground of rejection.

The Examiner acknowledges in the Office Action that the Newberry reference does not disclose the claimed element of Claim 1 of "associating a program guide type with a broadcast channel by updating a database in said video decoder". The Examiner however cites to Vaughn as disclosing "a multi-source [75] 'video decoder' [10] wherein a user is operable to define individual channel operation parameters by 'updating a database in said video decoder' [60]".

When reciting to attributes being stored in the database, Vaughn discloses the channel data 85 is stored in the database. Such channel data includes "the alphanumeric characters entered to call up a particular channel", and settings including "closed captioning, provision of stereo or mono audio, secondary audio programming (SAP) and whether or not a channel is associated with a particular user's favorite channel list," (Vaughn, col. 4, line 61, to col. 5, line 4). These channel data parameters are not the same thing as the claimed "associating a program guide type with a broadcast channel" as in Claim 1.

Applicants submit that information related to the program guide type used for a channel is not the same thing as data as the closed captioning or audio parameters associated with a channel, as disclosed in Vaughn. The invention of Claim 1 uses such an association of a program guide to eventually "acquire a program guide of said selected guide type". Vaughn neither discloses nor

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suggests that the disclosed database could perform such an association, as in Claim 1, as there is nothing in the reference that addresses the issue of "program guide types."

Furthermore, the Examiner's combination of Newberry with Vaughn would result in a system that is capable of storing whether a channel has a particular logo, audio setting, or is on a user's favorite's list. This combination neither discloses nor suggests the features of Claim 1, especially the feature of "associating a program guide type with a broadcast channel by updating a database in said video decoder."

Therefore, the Applicants assert that Claim 1 is patentable for the reasons given above. In addition, Claims 2-6, and 10, and 11 are patentable for the same reasons given in connection with independent Claim 1, as these claims dependent on Claim 1. Applicants request the Examiner remove the rejection to all of these claims.

II. 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejection of Claims 7-9

The Examiner rejected Claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable under over Newberry in view of Vaughan, and in further view of Schneidewend et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,249,320, hereafter referred to as 'Schneidewend'). Applicants disagree with this ground of rejection.

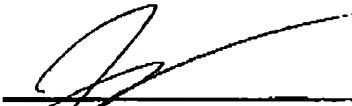
For the reasons given above for Claim 1, Claims 7-9 are patentable as such claims depend on allowable Claim 1. Applicants request that the Examiner remove the rejection to these claims, as well.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at (609) 734-6809, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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No fee is believed due in connection with this amendment and response.
However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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